MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Statements* containing the required particulars are laid on the table.

Royalties Committee.

157. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what became of the Report of the Forest Committee regarding royalties; and

(*b*) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on account of this committee?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Committee's report was considered at a conference consisting of the Dewan, the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers. A G. O. will be issued shortly on the subject.

(*b*) The information is not available as separate accounts have not been maintained for the purpose.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With regard to part (*a*), may I know when the report was submitted to Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The report was received some years back.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): The answer is vague.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Since the matter has been almost decided by Government, the exact date now asked for by the member is not now before me. I think it is five years since that report was received by Government.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know when the report was published?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not know the exact date of the publication. But it *has* been published.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Government keep a record of the date of publication.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Because, that information is not available.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the reason for the delay in passing the G. O. on the report?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is under consideration, and will be published soon.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the reason for the delay?

* *Vide* Appendices II A and II B—pages 436—438.

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter has not been settled *finally*. The G. O. will be issued soon.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): In regard to part (*b*), may I know why a separate account has not been kept?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Because, it is not possible. It forms part of the duty of the Legislative Council.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Travancore Government have an Account Officer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes; there *is* an Account Officer.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agatisvaram*): May I know why a separate account has not been kept in regard to this matter?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it necessary to keep separate accounts.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvvaram*): I could not hear the member.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it necessary to keep separate accounts.

Panachamood-Kochikkal and Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar roads.

158. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of the construction of the Panachamood-Kochikkal and Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar roads was referred to the Chief Engineer as promised by the Dewan at the 27th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly (*vide* page 208 of the Assembly Proceedings); and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any report has been received, and, if so, the recommendations contained therein?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer has reported that, of the portion of the Panachamood-Kochikkal road which lies within the municipal limits of Mavelikara, about 41 chains alone require improvements and that the Municipality should undertake to contribute a moiety of its cost in case it is taken up. Accordingly, the matter was referred to the President, Municipal Council, Mavelikara, and he has replied that his Council has come to the conclusion that funds at present available do not permit the Municipality to meet the expenditure.

As regards the Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar road, the question of its construction has been abandoned on account of its heavy cost and in view of its close proximity to the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road running parallel to it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether it is a general rule that,

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